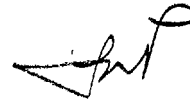


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I. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

A. ITEMS SCHEDULED ON AGENDA FOR THE 140TH NSC MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1953
(Agenda dated April 17, 1953)

1. SIGNIFICANT WORLD DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING U.S. SECURITY

An oral briefing by the Director of Central Intelligence is scheduled to be noted.

2. ADDITIONAL REPUBLIC OF KOREA DIVISIONS

The action taken by the President to authorize the creation of additional Republic of Korea divisions is scheduled to be noted.

3. NATIONAL SECURITY PROBLEMS CONCERNING FREE WORLD PETROLEUM DEMANDS AND POTENTIAL SUPPLIES
(NSC Action No. 756)

Origin: The Council at its meeting on April 8 concurred in the recommendations on the subject presented orally by the Attorney General (NSC Action No. 756).

Current Status: Confirmation by the Council of the action taken at last NSC meeting is scheduled for consideration.

4. NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS IN THE ST. LAWRENCE-GREAT LAKES SEAWAY PROJECT
(NSC 150)

Origin: Draft statement of policy on the subject, prepared on the basis of agreement by the Planning Board has been submitted to the Council as NSC 150. Also included in NSC 150 for Council information is an NSC staff study and annexes.

Current Status: NSC 150 is scheduled for consideration.

5. BASIC NATIONAL SECURITY POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN RELATION TO THEIR COSTS
(NSC 149, 149/1, 20/4, 68/2, 135/3 and Annex to 135/1, 135, 141, 142, 145; Memo for NSC, April 2, 1953; Memos for NSC, subject, "Review of Basic National Security Policies", February 6 and 18, 1953; Memo

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RELATION TO THEIR COSTS (Cont'd)

for NSC, subject, "Review of Basic National Security Policies: The Military Program", March 24, 1953; Memos for NSC, subject, "Review of Basic National Security Policies: The Mutual Security Program", March 20, 24 and 30, 1953; Memo for NSC, subject, "Budget Considerations Bearing on the NSC Review of Basic National Security Policies", March 5, 1953; Memo for NSC, subject, "Cost of National Security Programs", February 24, 1953; Memo for NSC, subject, "Budget Outlook Based on Programs of Previous Administration", February 17, 1953; Memo for Senior NSC Staff, subject, "Reexamination of United States Programs for National Security", January 23, 1953; NSC Action Nos. 668, 705-b, 726, 730, 733, 743, 744-a, 747, 752-b and 762)

Origin: The Council on February 4 noted an oral report by Mr. Cutler of the President's desire that the Council initiate discussion of the basic over-all policies in NSC 20/4, 68/2, 135/3 and 141 on the basis of summaries to be circulated.

Current Status: NSC 149/1 (to be circulated prior to the Council meeting) is scheduled for consideration. NSC 149/1 will contain a revision of Part I of NSC 149 based on the discussion at the last Council meeting and outlines along the lines of Part II of NSC 149 of the respective Military, Mutual Security and Atomic Energy programs prepared by the Secretary of Defense, the Director for Mutual Security and the Atomic Energy Commission pursuant to NSC Action No. 762-b.

6. UNITED STATES POLICIES IN THE FAR EAST
(NSC 148, NSC Action 758; NSC 48/5; NIE-47)

Origin: Draft statement of policy on the subject, prepared by the Planning Board, was submitted for Council consideration as NSC 148, together with a Far East Financial Summary and an annex constituting an NSC staff study on Communist China.

Current Status: The results of the analysis and screening by the Bureau of the Budget pursuant to NSC Action No. 758-b of the figures appearing in the Far East Financial Summary in pp. 7-13 of NSC 147 are scheduled to be noted.

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7. UNITED STATES POLICY REGARDING THE PRESENT SITUATION
IN IRAN

(Progress Report, dated March 20, 1953, by the Under Secretary of State on Paragraph 5-a of NSC 136/1)

Origin: The reference progress report has been circulated for the information of the Council.

Current Status: The reference progress report is scheduled to be noted.

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B. ITEMS AWAITING SUBSEQUENT NSC CONSIDERATION

1. ANALYSIS OF POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION IN KOREA
(NSC 147; NSC Action No. 759; NSC 118/2; Memo for NSC, subject, "Future Courses of Action in Connection with the Situation in Korea", March 30, 1953; NIE-80; SE-41)

Origin: Report on the subject prepared by the NSC Planning Board in the light of the estimate of the JCS transmitted by the reference memo of March 30, was submitted as NSC 147 for the consideration of the Council. NSC 147 also sets forth possible methods of meeting the problem of reimbursement of the United States for logistic support of other UN forces in Korea.

Current Status: Awaiting further study by the Council.

2. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO FORMOSA AND THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA
(NSC 146 and Annex to NSC 146; NSC Action Nos. 760, 624; NSC 128, 48/5; SE-29; NIE-27/1; Memos for NSC, April 6 and 7, 1953)

Origin: The Council on April 2 directed the NSC Staff, after preliminary discussion by State, Defense and CIA, to prepare a report for Council consideration in the light of a review of NSC 48/5, insofar as it pertains to U.S. policy toward Formosa, the Chinese Nationalist Government, and other anti-communist Chinese forces and in the light of the views of the JCS, contained in NSC 128 (NSC Action No. 624-b).

Current Status: Awaiting further study by the Council of NSC 146 as amended by the reference memo of April 6.

3. INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT FOR THE VOICE OF AMERICA WITH REGARD TO SOVIET JAMMING
(Progress Report dated April 13, 1953 by the Acting Secretary of State on Pilot Operation of Paragraph 3-b of NSC 66/1)

Origin: The reference progress report has been circulated for the information of the Council.

Current Status: To be scheduled on the agenda of an early Council meeting. (See also related project in Section III below.)

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II. CURRENT NSC PLANNING BOARD PROJECTS

1. CONDITIONS FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT WITH THE USSR
(Memo for Senior NSC Staff, "Armaments and American Policy", February 4, 1953; Records of Senior NSC Staff Meetings, September 6, 1950, February 23, May 24, and July 10, 1951, and January 27, 29 and April 8, 1953; NSC 79, 112, NSC Action No. 725; Memo for NSC, "United States and Allied Objectives in the Event of Global War", September 6, 1950) (See also related project, Armaments and American Policy)

Origin: On September 6, 1950, the Senior Staff discussed NSC 79 and designated an ad hoc group to draft a report to include (1) a statement of war objectives in the event of global war, as recommended by the JCS, and (2) such related questions as a statement of the conditions that the U.S. would be willing to accept for a peaceful settlement with the USSR and its satellites. On February 23, 1951, the Senior NSC Staff agreed that the NSC 79 project should be completed in two sections and that the section of the above subject including a plan for reduction and regulation of armaments and armed forces should be completed as a matter of priority.

Current Status: Awaiting continued discussion of the subject at the meeting of the Planning Board on April 20 in the light of recent Soviet peace moves, with a view to preparing recommendations for Council consideration. (See also related projects listed as nos. 9 and 15 below.)

2. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO JAPAN
(NSC 125/4; NSC Action No. 761; Memo for NSC Planning Board, April 17, 1953; Record of Meeting of Planning Board on April 15, 1953; NSC 125/2; Annexes to NSC 125/1; NSC 125/3 and Annex to 125/3; NSC Action No. 660; Memo for NSC, August 7, 1952; NIE-52)

Origin: In connection with the President's approval of NSC 125/2, he directed that the general structure of a U.S. program to implement the courses of action enumerated in paragraph 7 thereof should, where suitable, be explored by the Department of State in consultation with the Departments of Defense and Commerce, the Office of the Director for Mutual Security, the Office of Defense Mobilization and other appropriate agencies, and that the main elements of such a program should be reported back to the Council at the earliest possible time (reference memo of August 7).

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UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO JAPAN (Cont'd)

Current Status: Awaiting consideration by the Planning Board on April 20 of a revision of NSC 125/4, pursuant to NSC Action No. 761-a, to take account of the question of the long-term viability of the economy of a Japan deprived of the raw materials and markets of the Chinese mainland.

3. ELIGIBILITY OF REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO RECEIVE CLASSIFIED U.S. SECURITY INFORMATION
(Memos for NSC Planning Board, March 25 and April 6 and 16, 1953; Memos for NSC, subject, "Eligibility of Foreign Representatives to Receive Classified Information", June 14 and November 19, 1951; NSC Action No. 507)

Origin: Draft Presidential directive, a report and proposed regulations on the subject, prepared by the Inter-departmental Committee on Internal Security, were transmitted by the reference memo of June 14, 1951 for consideration by the Council.

Current Status: Awaiting discussion of the subject on the basis of the reference draft directive of April 16 at a meeting of the Planning Board on April 22.

4. PROPOSAL FOR A VOLUNTEER FREEDOM CORPS
(NSC 143; NSC Action No. 724; Memo for NSC, February 24, 1953)

Origin: In a memo to the Executive Secretary of NSC, February 14, 1953 (NSC 143) the President outlined a proposal for a "Volunteer Freedom Corps", and requested that it be scheduled for early study by the Council. The Council approved in principle the proposal and agreed that an ad hoc committee should study its feasibility and prepare a detailed plan for its effectuation for Council consideration (NSC Action No. 724).

Current Status: A report prepared by the ad hoc committee pursuant to NSC Action No. 724 is to be circulated and is scheduled for preliminary discussion by the Planning Board at its meeting on April 22 prior to Council action upon it.

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5. U.S. POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD WHICH MAY AFFECT THE WAR POTENTIAL OF THE SOVIET BLOC

(NSC Action No. 738; NSC 104/2, 91/1, 122/1; Memo for NSC Planning Board, March 30, 1953; Progress Report, January 19, 1953, by the Secretary of State and the Director for Mutual Security on NSC 104/2.)

Origin: The Council on March 18, 1953 directed the NSC Planning Board, with the participation of the Department of Commerce, to review the existing policy on this subject (NSC 104/2) and submit appropriate recommendations for Council consideration (NSC Action No. 738).

Current Status: Tentatively scheduled for review by the Planning Board at its meeting on April 24.

6. UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD THE SOVIET SATELLITE STATES IN EASTERN EUROPE (INCLUDING EAST GERMANY)

(NSC 58/2; Memo for Senior NSC Staff, March 3, 1953; Record of Senior NSC Staff Meeting on January 29, 1953.)

Origin: The Senior Staff agreed on January 29 to prepare recommendations for Council consideration on several urgent and immediate policy questions, including this policy question.

Current Status: The Draft statement of policy and staff study on the subject prepared by State (reference memo of March 3) are tentatively scheduled for consideration at the meeting of the Planning Board on April 24.

7. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO THE NEAR EAST

(NSC 129/1; Memo for Senior NSC Staff, March 17 and April 14, 1953; Record of Meeting of Planning Board on April 10 and April 15, 1953)

Origin: The Senior Staff agreed on January 29 to prepare recommendations for Council consideration on several urgent and immediate policy questions including this policy question.

Current Status: Awaiting revision by the Board Assistants of the draft statement of policy of April 14 (as amended by the Planning Board) in the light of the discussion at the meeting of the Planning Board on April 27, and preparation by the Board Assistants of a draft staff study. Tentatively scheduled for Planning Board consideration on April 27.

8. A NATIONAL PETROLEUM PROGRAM

(NSC 97, 97/2; Record of Meeting of Senior NSC Staff of August 16, 1951; Memos for Senior NSC Staff, July 24 and December 22, 1952, March 5 and 10, 1953; Memo for NSC Planning Board, April 6 and 10; Memo for NSC, "Security of Certain Middle East Areas", December 11, 1951; NSC Action No. 592; Record of Meeting of Senior Staff, January 27, 1953, and Meeting of Planning Board, April 10, 1953)

Origin: Interim recommendations on the subject, prepared by the NSC Staff in response to a letter from the Secretary of Defense (NSC 97) were approved by the President upon the recommendation of the NSC as NSC 97/2.

Current Status: Awaiting preparation of a revised draft statement of policy by the Board Assistants based on the drafts of March 5 and April 6. Tentatively scheduled for Planning Board consideration at the meeting on April 24.

9. ARMAMENTS AND AMERICAN POLICY

(Memos for Senior NSC Staff of February 4, March 12, and April 2, 1953; NSC Action No. 725)

Origin: The NSC, on February 25, 1953, after discussing recommendations of the Department of State Panel of Consultants on Disarmament contained in the report on the subject (reference memo of February 4), referred the report to the Senior NSC Staff, directing it, with the assistance of Dr. Vannevar Bush, to report back to the Council on possible means of carrying out the recommendations (NSC Action No. 725).

Current Status: Awaiting preparation of a revision of the report of April 2 by the ad hoc committee on the subject in the light of the discussion at the Planning Board meeting on April 10 and comments to be submitted informally to the Committee by the Planning Board Members. Tentatively scheduled for Planning Board consideration on May 1.

10. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO LATIN AMERICA

(NSC 144/1; Annex to NSC 144)

Origin: NSC 144/1, approved by the President on March 18, stated (para.3) that its limited purpose was to define our objectives and courses of action concerning important problems common to the area; policies toward specific country situations, such as those in Argentina and Guatemala, were left for subsequent papers.

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UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO LATIN AMERICA (Cont'd)

Current Status: Awaiting reports on specific country situations in Latin America from State (including especially Panama, Argentina, Guatemala, Chile, Venezuela and Brazil).

11. THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO SOUTH ASIA
(NSC 98/1; Record of Senior Staff meeting on January 29, 1953)

Origin: The Senior Staff at its meeting on January 29 agreed to prepare recommendations for Council consideration on several urgent and immediate policy questions, including this policy question.

Current Status: Awaiting preparation of a draft report by State.

12. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO NORTH AFRICA
(Memos for Senior NSC Staff, March 4 and 16, 1953; NIE-69 and Supplement)

Origin: Draft statement of policy and staff study prepared by State were transmitted by reference memo of March 4 for consideration by the Senior Staff.

Current Status: Awaiting consideration by the Planning Board at an early meeting of the revised statement of policy and financial appendix of March 16 prepared by Staff Assistants.

13. THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO YUGOSLAVIA
(NSC 18/2; NSC 18/6)

Origin: The Senior Staff on January 29 agreed to prepare recommendations for Council consideration on several urgent and immediate policy questions, including this policy question.

Current Status: Awaiting preparation of a draft report by State.

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14. NSC 26 SERIES
(Progress Report, March 9, 1953, by the Under Secretary of State on NSC 26 Series; NSC Action No. 753)

Origin: The Council on March 25 noted the reference progress report on the subject and that the Department of State is preparing a proposed revision of this policy for Council consideration (NSC Action No. 753).

Current Status: Awaiting report by State.
15. UNITED STATES AND ALLIED WAR OBJECTIVES IN THE EVENT OF GLOBAL WAR
(NSC 79; Memo for NSC September 6, 1950; Records of Senior Staff meetings on September 6, 1950 and February 23, 1951; Memo for Senior Defense, JCS and CIA members, January 14, 1953)

Origin: JCS memo (NSC 79) was circulated for Council information and referred to the Staff. The Senior Staff on September 6, 1950, designated an ad hoc group to draft a report on (1) war objectives in the event of global war and (2) such related questions as a statement of the conditions the U.S. would be willing to accept for peaceful settlement with the USSR and its satellites (see related projects listed as nos. 1 and 9 above).

Current Status: Awaiting report on the first of the above questions by an ad hoc committee (designated by State, Defense, JCS and CIA) based on its study of a preliminary draft report prepared by the Policy Planning Staff of State (reference memo of January 14).
16. JAPANESE PEACE TREATY ISLANDS
(Para. 3, NSC 125/4)

Origin: The Planning Board requested the Department of State and Defense to state their respective positions by April 15 on the question of whether the U.S. should maintain the status quo in the entire group of islands mentioned in Article 3 of the Peace Treaty, or whether it should return certain of these islands to Japan.

Current Status: Awaiting consideration by the Planning Board at its meeting on May 15 on the basis of reports by the Departments of State and Defense. (See also related project listed as no. 2 above.)

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III. OTHER CURRENT COUNCIL PROJECTS

1. THE USE OF RADIO AS A MEDIUM FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS AND THE IMPACT OF ITS USE ON NATIONAL SECURITY

(NSC Action Nos. 612 and 710; NSC 137, 137/1, 66/1; Memo for NSC, March 26, 1953; Memo for NSC, subject, "The Need for Immediate Review and Later Establishment of National Policy on the Use of Radio as a Medium for Psychological Operations and the Impact of its Use on National Security", February 5, 1953; Memos for NSC, subject, "Intelligence Support for the Voice of America with Regard to Soviet Jamming", January 2, February 26 and 29, 1952; Memo for NSC, subject, "Potential Soviet Attack on our Essential Communications Systems and Organizations", January 26, 1951)

Origin: At the request of the Deputy Secretary of Defense, his memorandum and its attached report by the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the subject were transmitted as NSC 137 for consideration by the Council of the recommendations contained in the second and third paragraphs of the memorandum.

Current Status: Awaiting report by the Director of Central Intelligence and the Telecommunications Adviser to the President, pursuant to NSC Action No. 710, and consideration by the Council of these reports together with the report of the President's Committee on International Information Activities transmitted by the reference memo of March 26.

2. A PROJECT TO PROVIDE A MORE ADEQUATE BASIS FOR PLANNING FOR THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES

(NSC 140; Memo for NSC, October 21, 1952; Memos for NSC June 5, July 17 and 30, August 30, 1951, and November 21, 25, 26, 1952; Memo for NSC, subject, "Summary Evaluation of the Net Capability of the USSR to Injure the Continental United States", November 25, 1952; NSC Action Nos. 519, 543, 687, and 699; SE-14)

Origin: The Council on November 26, 1952 (NSC Action No. 687-a) received a summary evaluation of the net capability of the USSR to injure the Continental United States (reference memos of October 21 and November 25) prepared pursuant to NSC directive (reference memo of August 30, 1951). A directive prepared by the Director of Central Intelligence pursuant to NSC Action No. 687-b, to provide the basis for a more adequate evaluation was concurred in by the Council, approved by the President on January 19, and issued as NSC 140

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Current Status: Awaiting (a) summary evaluation of the USSR's net capability to inflict direct injury on the U.S. to be submitted by the Special Evaluation Sub-Committee by May 15, pursuant to NSC 140, and (b) further consideration by the Council of the recommendation of the DCI contained in paragraph 5-g of the memo of the DCI transmitted by memo on October 21, as amended (see NSC Action No. 687-g).

3. ORGANIZED EVACUATION OF CIVILIAN POPULATIONS IN CIVIL
DEFENSE

(NSC Action No. 651; NSC 131, 131/1; Memo for NSC, June 9, 1952)

Origin: On May 16, 1952, the Deputy Federal Civil Defense Administrator requested that a policy memorandum on the subject, which the FCDA was proposing to issue for the guidance of state and local civil defense forces, be referred to the NSC for such comments or action as was deemed appropriate (circulated as NSC 131).

Current Status: Awaiting further study by the Federal Civil Defense Administration in the light of the discussion at the Council meeting on June 18, 1952.

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